

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 18, 20, 22, 24, and 25 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claim 1 (Original) A granule comprising a core and a coating wherein the core comprises an active compound and the coating comprises a wax composition with a molecular weight distribution of:

- (a) at least 10% w/w in the range $0.25 \times M_w$ to $0.75 \times M_w$, and
- (b) at least 20% w/w in the range $0.75 \times M_w$ to $1.25 \times M_w$, and
- (c) at least 10% w/w in the range $1.25 \times M_w$ to $2.0 \times M_w$, where M_w is the weight average molecular weight of the wax composition.

Claim 2 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein the temperature at which the wax composition starts to melt, $T_{m,i}$, is at least 25°C.

Claim 3 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein $T_{m,i}$ of the wax composition is at least 30°C.

Claim 4 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein $T_{m,i}$ of the wax composition is at least 35°C.

Claim 5 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein the median melting point is between 50 to 60 °C

Claim 6 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein the melting range is at least 10°C.

Claim 7 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein M_w is more than 1000.

Claim 8 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein M_w is more than 1200.

Claim 9 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein M_w is more than 1400.

Claim 10 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein the waxes are selected from the group consisting of PEG, ethoxylated fatty alcohols, fatty acids, fatty acid alcohols and glycerides.

Claim 11 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein the granules have a caking strength of less than 1000.

Claim 12 (Original) The granule of claim 1, wherein the active compound is a protein.

Claim 13 (Original) The granule of claim 12, wherein the protein is an enzyme.

Claim 14 (Original) A process for preparing a granule, comprising contacting a particle comprising an active compound with a coating, wherein the coating comprises a wax composition with a molecular weight distribution in the range of:

(a) at least 10% w/w in the range $0.25 \times M_w$ to $0.75 \times M_w$, and

(b) at least 20% w/w in the range $0.75 \times M_w$ to $1.25 \times M_w$, and

(c) at least 10% w/w in the range $1.25 \times M_w$ to $2.0 \times M_w$,

where M_w is the weight average molecular weight of the wax composition.

Claim 15 (Original) The process of claim 14, wherein said contacting of the particle with a coating is taking place in a coating chamber.

Claim 16 (Original) The process of claim 14, wherein said contacting of the particle with a coating is taking place in a fluid bed apparatus or in a mixer apparatus.

Claim 17 (Original) A feed or fodder composition for animals comprising the granule of claim 1.

Claim 18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Original) A dough composition comprising the granule of claim 1.

Claim 20 (Canceled)

Claim 21 (Original) A detergent composition comprising a granule of claim 1.

Claim 22 (Canceled)

Claim 23 (Original) A fertilizer composition comprising the granule of claim 1.

Claim 24 (Canceled)

Claim 25 (Canceled)